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FOR COLLEGE INSTRUCTORS IN PENNSYLVANIA

In

TRAFFIC SAFETY EDUCATION

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Department of Public Instruction
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania



"It is to the school particularly that we must look for the development of the knowledge, the attitudes, the habits, and the skills that are necessary if we are to live with reasonable safety in the modern world."

—*Eighteenth Yearbook (1940).*

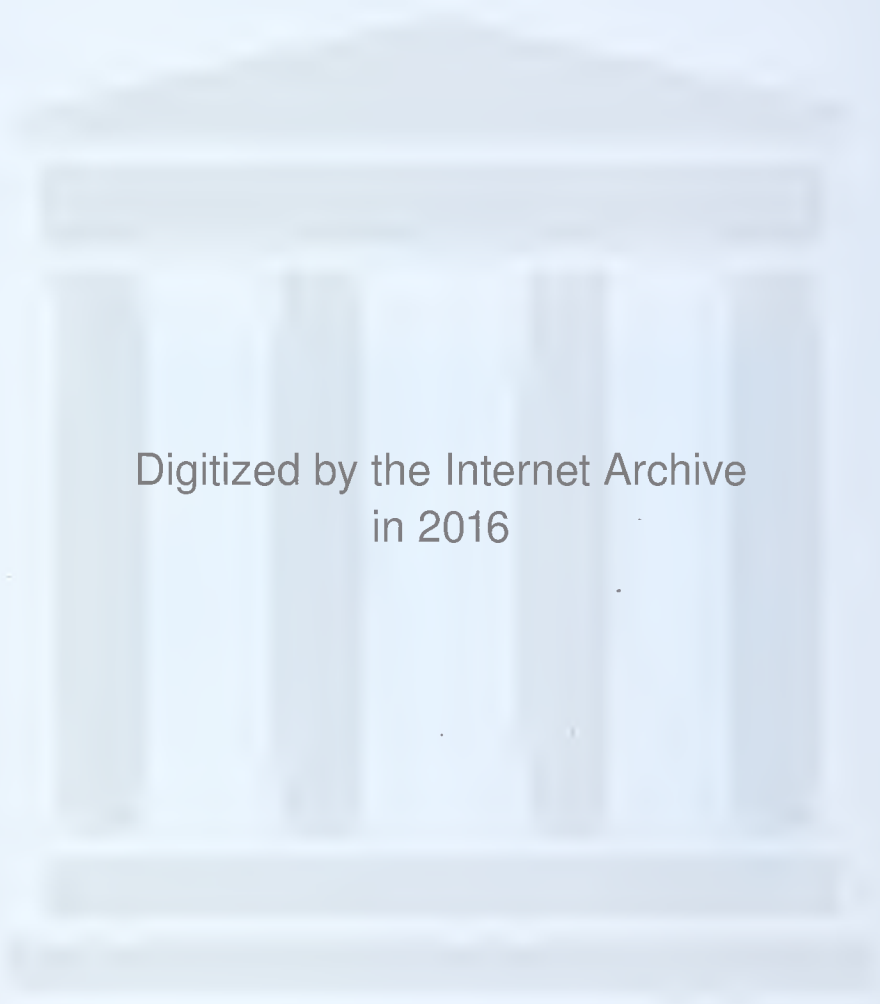
—*American Association of School Administrators.*

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FOREWORD



ARTHUR H. JAMES

DEATHS AND ACCIDENTS on the highways must stop. We can no longer look complacently at a situation that means the loss of more than 35,000 lives each year in America from automobile and highway accidents. I am glad to learn that the consistent efforts which have been made here in Pennsylvania to reduce accidents and fatalities are beginning to show results. Automobile and highway safety education is another attack on the problem and I am glad to see that the institutions of higher learning are contributing their efforts to the solution of this problem.

I understand the FIRST ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COLLEGE INSTRUCTORS IN PENNSYLVANIA IN TRAFFIC SAFETY EDUCATION will bring together the men and women seriously concerned with the development of programs of education in this field for the children in our schools. If we can create in the minds of these boys and girls their responsibility in the development of a traffic safety program, then we shall be taking another constructive step forward in the reduction of the totally unnecessary fatalities and accidents on the highways.

A large, stylized handwritten signature of Arthur H. James in black ink.

Governor of the Commonwealth.

September, 1941.



FRANCIS B. HAAS

SAFETY EDUCATION has always been a part of the public school program. A critical situation now exists which demands renewed emphasis on automobile and highway safety education as an important phase of the larger program. The increased number of deaths and fatalities among children and adults on the highways clearly demonstrates the need for a definite program that will develop a sense of responsibility. Reduction of casualties on the highway and the development of a program of education that will make the automobile and the use of the public highways safe for persons of all different age levels must be more seriously considered.

Because of the importance of this movement, and with the full cooperation of Governor James, I appointed an INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON SAFETY EDUCATION to study the whole problem and to put into operation practical measures for meeting the challenge. The Committee is comprised of representatives from the following Departments of the State Government: Pennsylvania Motor Police, the Department of Revenue, the Department of Highways, and the Department of Public Instruction.

This group has met regularly during the past year and has developed a number of projects in this field. The first publication released by the Committee was a mimeographed statement "Self-Inspection Blanks for Pedestrian Safety, Safety Studies Series, January, 1941." The second publication was a pamphlet entitled "Teaching Pedestrian Safety by Practice." This pamphlet suggests a project which may be used to teach safety pedestrian practices to children of all ages in the public schools. The third project sponsored by the Inter-Departmental Committee and other interested groups is the "FIRST ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COLLEGE INSTRUCTORS IN PENNSYLVANIA IN TRAFFIC SAFETY EDUCATION," to be held in the Education Building in Harrisburg, October 27, 1941, to November 1, 1941.

The purpose of the Seminar will be to develop a specific program for the education of teachers who will subsequently carry on the work in the public schools of the Commonwealth. The institutions of higher learning and the public schools are now in a position to render a distinct service in the solution of a problem that may be solved only through adequate instruction in automobile and highway safety education.

Francis B. Haas

Superintendent of Public Instruction.

September, 1941.

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INTRODUCTION

LOSS OF LIFE and serious injury to both children and adults continue to increase. Every effort is being made through many agencies to reduce the yearly toll of deaths and accidents. Newspapers, magazines, lay organizations and Governmental agencies have contributed to the Safety Education Program. A further approach to the solution of the problem is now being made by the "Inter-Departmental Committee on Safety" consisting of representatives of the Pennsylvania Motor Police, the Department of Revenue, the Department of Public Instruction, the Department of Highways in Pennsylvania, and certain other agencies such as the American Automobile Association and the Institute of Public Safety of the Pennsylvania State College in sponsoring the First Annual Seminar for College Instructors in Pennsylvania in Traffic Safety Education.

Under the auspices of the sponsoring organizations and the Inter-Departmental Committee on Safety, the First Annual Seminar of College and University instructors will be offered in the field of Highway Safety Education in the Education Building, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Monday, October 27, 1941, to Saturday, November 1, 1941. Membership in the Seminar will be limited to representatives of colleges and universities that are interested in the promotion of the Safety Education Program through making available courses in Highway Safety to students, prospective teachers, and teachers in service. Since membership in the Seminar will be limited to the available facilities, those institutions that desire to designate some member of their instructional staff as their representative in the Seminar are urgently requested to send the name of the representative to the Director of the Seminar, Henry Klonower, Director of Teacher Education and Certification, Department of Public Instruction, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, before October 20, 1941.

NO TUITION OR FEES OF ANY KIND WILL BE CHARGED.
The only costs will be transportation and living expenses.

PURPOSE OF THE SEMINAR

One of the present problems of school administrators is the scarcity of trained teachers in Safety Education. The public is rapidly awakening to the importance of this subject, and its mounting interest is reflected in the increasing number of State laws and regulations requiring Safety Education to be taught in the public schools. Administrators, in an effort to fulfill these requirements are assigning the new responsibility, in many instances, to staff members whose teaching *subjects* seem closely related to the *subject of safety*—physical education, social studies, and

industrial arts being the most frequent choices. Such teachers who subsequently complete training in Safety Education make excellent teachers in this field.

Because Safety is a subject of attitudes and techniques as well as text knowledge and theory, it is essential that the future teacher in this field receive practical training as does the music supervisor, the art teacher, and the shop instructor. Laboratory experience in Safety Education is essential for driver training. The *teacher-training instructor must be the example* in personal practice and manipulative skills for the student teacher as well as being well informed in the subject.



A driver testing program is essential to an effective program in driver education and training. A complete set of driver testing devices will be available at this Pennsylvania Seminar.

This Seminar is designed to acquaint instructors with procedures peculiar to training teachers for both classroom and behind-the-wheel phases of high school instruction in traffic safety as well as the basic fundamentals of general Safety Education. The methods and techniques to be presented have been used with marked success in many schools.

CONTENT OF THE SEMINAR

In addition to a comprehensive survey of the Safety Education field in general, the course will consist of the following:

I. GENERAL VIEW OF DRIVER EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

A. Overview of Traffic Safety.

- B. The School's Part in the Improvement of Traffic Conditions.
- C. Need and Justification for High School Driver Education and Training Courses.
- D. Objectives.
- E. The Teacher.
- F. Standards of Administration and Instruction.

II. CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION.

- A. Organization of Content for High School Course in Driver Education.
- B. The Nature and the Needs of High School Students that Should be Considered in Teaching Driver Education and Training.
- C. Development of Units for Class Instruction.
- D. How Can Beginners Learn to Operate an Automobile Effectively?
- E. Field Activities in Driver Education.

III. BEHIND THE WHEEL INSTRUCTION.

- A. Techniques in Driver Training.
- B. Units for Behind-the-Wheel Instruction.
- C. Skill Tests.
- D. Equipment, Liability, Insurance and Costs.



The best materials and procedures for conducting classroom sessions will be presented during this Seminar. Each college instructor will take along home with him mimeographed material in the field of traffic safety education.

IV. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF DRIVER EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

- A. Fitting the Course in the Daily Program of the High School.
- B. Records and Reports.
- C. Public Relations.
- D. Application to Home School.

During the presentation of the text materials in the classroom and the road training in the car, the following important characteristics of drivers and how they affect sound and safe driving habits will be presented: (1) mental, physical and emotional characteristics; (2) knowledge; (3) driving skills; and (4) attitudes and appreciations.

PLAN OF THE SEMINAR

Sessions will run for five and one-half days, the opening meeting being at 8 A. M., Monday, October 27, 1941, and the closing meeting at noon, Saturday, November 1, 1941. Classroom periods will be held in Seminar Room, Number 321, Education Building, Harrisburg. Practicum, or field work, will be on a nearby, quiet street, appropriately marked and protected.

The class will meet daily from 8 to 12, 1 to 5 and 7 to 9 o'clock. The *morning sessions* will be devoted to group discussion and the preparation of teaching materials for classroom use in Safety Education. *Afternoon sessions* will be spent largely on behind-the-wheel techniques of driver



Actual road demonstrations and practice on behind-the-wheel units will be a part of the Seminar. The picture above shows a group of college instructors learning the scientific method of measuring "reaction time distance" and "braking distance."

training with actual road demonstrations and practice by the class members. The *evening sessions* will feature addresses by representatives from the various state departments who will tell of the work of their divisions as it relates to safety.

INSTRUCTORS

F. R. Noffsinger, Educational Consultant with the American Automobile Association, and Amos E. Neyhart, Administrative Head, Institute of Public Safety of the Pennsylvania State College and Road Training Consultant for the American Automobile Association, will conduct the course. These men have been conducting institutes and seminars for college professors since 1937, when the first one was held in May at the University of Kentucky. Their most recent classes of this type have been at the Universities of Pennsylvania, Texas, Washington, and Iowa State College.

Among those who will consult with the group are:

- LYNN G. ADAMS, Commissioner, Pennsylvania Motor Police.
- ARTHUR G. BURGOYNE, Publicity Director, Department of Revenue.
- PAUL L. CRESSMAN, Director, Bureau of Instruction, Department of Public Instruction.
- OTTO F. MESSNER, Deputy Secretary, Department of Revenue.
- CARL D. MORNEWECK, Chief, Child Accounting and Research, Department of Public Instruction.
- RAYMOND F. REIGELMEIR, Traffic Engineer, Department of Highways.
- R. W. ROBINSON, Chief, Consolidation and Transportation, Department of Public Instruction.
- T. E. TRANSEAU, Director of Highway Safety, Department of Revenue.
- C. M. WILHELM, Deputy Commissioner, Pennsylvania Motor Police.

EQUIPMENT

Selected *reference materials* consisting of a library of over 1,000 pieces will be supplied by the instructors for use with the class.

Valuable *teaching aids*—including motion pictures, classroom charts, lantern slides, film strips and sound records—will be examined and evaluated.

Bibliographies of text and reference materials and teaching aids will be included in the reference library.

A dual control *driver training car*, having auxiliary clutch and brake pedals, will be used in the road work. Information as to the method of installing the dual control mechanism will be furnished as well as ways and means of obtaining and maintaining cars for use in high schools.

A complete *setup of the administration* of a teacher training course and the full procedures for the inauguration of a high school program in driver education (classroom) and driver training (road work) will be presented.

General *layout plans for driver training areas* and information for the marking of streets will be available. *Plans and blueprints* for the construction of stanchions and other devices simple enough to be made in the high school shop will be furnished.

Suggested *record forms* will be provided for the maintenance of proper records in connection with driver training schools which student-teachers may later conduct. These forms have been developed through years of experience and are now in use in many schools.

Each member of the class will carry back to his campus *mimeographed plans* developed by the group during the week for offering a teacher training course in safety. In addition, complete plans for road instruction in automobile operation and procedures for giving tests in driving skill, will be supplied.

CERTIFICATES

Suitable certificates will be awarded to those completing the course in a satisfactory manner.

INFORMATION

The Seminar will be under the immediate supervision of Henry Klonower, Director of Teacher Education and Certification, Department of Public Instruction, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Those who desire to participate in the Seminar are urged to send their names, addresses and name of the institution they represent so that adequate laboratory facilities may be provided for the group. The responsibility for securing living accommodations must be assumed by those who take part in the Seminar.



